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TIONAL COMMITTEE

HILL SELECTED FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN
AND THE GOLD DELEGATES FROM MICHIGAN AND NEBRASKA SEATED—SENATOR DANIEL THE SILVER MEN'S CHOICE

Chicago, July 6.—There were two rooms today in the Palmer House which were the centre of interest to the Democratic politicians here. In one the Democratic National Committee was making up the roll of the Democratic National Convention and repelling an attempt of the free-coinage Democrats to name the temporary



DAVID B. HILL.

cratic National Committee. Mr. Hill's room early in the day became the council chamber of W. C. Whitney, Don M. Dickinson, William F. Harry, Senator Gray, of Delaware; Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky; Wilson S. Bissell, ex-Postmaster-General; ex-Governor William E. Russell, of Massachusetts; and other leaders of the gold element of the Democratic party, who were desirous of bringing about the selection by the National Committee of Mr. Hill as temporary chairman. It was with a knowledge also on their part that the free-coinage Democrats would oppose Mr. Hill's election when his name should be submitted to the Convention. A better fight, it was argued, could be made for the

temporary chairmanship with Hill than with any other man, since he had held decidedly friendly relations with the silver Democrats of the South for a long time, and they would be reluctant to vote against him. Possibly, also, his bimetallic attitude might catch the votes of the delegates

of Ohio and Indiana. A much greater apparent strength for a gold platform might be secured if Mr. Hill were named than is actually the case, and a big gold vote, although a deceptive one, would have its value in influencing the Convention.

Mr. Hill talked frankly about the situation. "We have got to fight all the time in this Convention," he said, "and we might as well have

the first skirmish. It will be good policy to have the conflict begin on temporary chairman, it seems to me, and I am willing to be the victim if I am to be defeated."

Senator Hill was well aware that his dear friend, Senator Daniel, of Virginia, who presented his name for President at the Democratic National Convention of 1862, would be put up as a candidate against him by the free-coinage Democrats, but while regretting this circumstance, he would not refrain from becoming a

The Democratic National Committee met at noon and immediately began the consideration of the contested election cases. Mr. Hill, Mr. Whitney and the other eminent Democrats

present in Mr. Hill's room waited anxiously for the first vote on a contested district, the free-coinage Democrats having boasted that they had captured the committee. Don M. Dickinson was so nervous that he left the council room and went to the corridor outside of the room in which the committee was in session. After about two hours he returned with a radiant face and reported that the committee, by a vote of 46 to 1, had decided in his favor, refusing to accept the Mugabins and Democrats.

This was pleasant news, but there was still a fear that Mr. Hill might be beaten by Mr. Daniel. A vote, which was reported an hour later on the Nebraska contests, instigated by William J. Bryan, revealed, however that the gold Democrats were still in possession of the committee, Bryan being defeated by a vote of 23 to 27. This

was regarded as a test vote upon Mr. Hill and Mr. Daniel in the committee, and so it proved to be, for half an hour afterward it was announced that Mr. Hill had been selected for temporary chairman by a vote of 23 to 27. The free-coinage Democrats said to-night that they would contest Mr. Hill's selection in the

Convention to-morrow, making Senator Daniel their candidate in opposition to him.

This vote on temporary chairman promises to give considerable information regarding the strength of the gold and the free-coinage Democrats in the Convention. The free-coinage leaders say they will be able to determine from the vote whether or not it is necessary to abrogate the two-thirds rule in order to nominate a free-

Mr. Hill was asked to-day whether there was any truth in the report printed in "The Chicago Times-Herald" that the New-York delegation would bolt from the Convention if the Michigan delegation should be unseated. "There isn't a word of truth in the story," he said, "and we

basis to it. I said to Senator Cockrell yesterday, however, that I should regard the unseating of the Michigan delegation as an indefensible innovation upon party practice. You cannot unseat two or three delegates of a State delegation, as is done in Republican National Conventions, because the entire body of delegates is elected as a whole by Democratic State Conventions. Hence, you must unseat an entire

State delegation if you unseat any of its members. They are not elected by Congress districts separately from State conventions, as is the case in the Republican party. Either the Michigan delegation as a whole should lose their seats, or

as a whole they should be retained in the Convention. I understand that only two Michigan Congress districts are contested; the entire delegation is not contested. It would be an invasion of a State's rights, in my opinion, for a National Convention thus to call out four dele-

DETAILS OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
Chicago, July 6.—The Democratic National

Committee, beginning its meeting at noon today, transacted its business at a single session, disposing of all the contests for seats and voting, 27 to 23, to report the name of Senator David B. Hill, of New York, for temporary chairman of the National Convention. This

was the test vote in the committee, showing the relative gold and silver strength of the organization. The silver showing was made by the presence of several proxies for members of the committee, who would have voted for Hill

had they been present. There were also one or two members of the committee who, within the last few days, had announced the transfer of their allegiance from gold to silver, notably J. L. Norris, of the District of Columbia, and

The first business in order was the calling of

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